DualShock 3 Buttons Replacement

Replace damaged buttons on any DualShock 3 controller.

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INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace the plastic button covers and the rubber button contacts on any DualShock 3 controller.

TOOLS:

- Phillips #0 Screwdriver (1)
- Tweezers (1)

Step 1 — Rear Cover



- Remove the five 7.2 mm Phillips screws securing the rear cover to the controller.

Step 2



- Press on the rear cover between the analog sticks and slightly lift the lower edge of it away from the rest of the controller.

Step 3

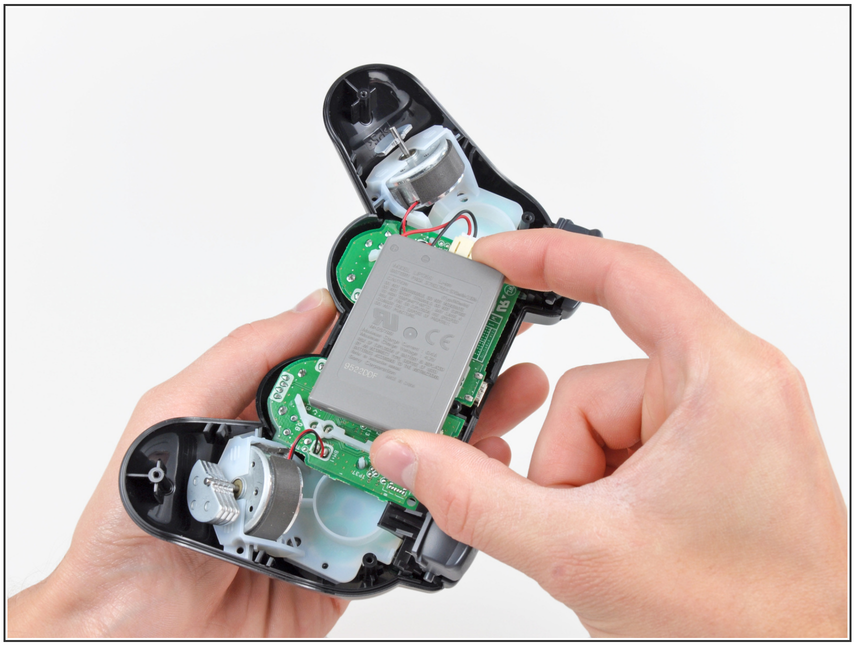




- Push the rear cover slightly toward the top edge of the controller to clear the front edge of the #2 triggers.
- Pull the rear cover away from the rest of the controller, being careful not to pop off the #2 triggers.

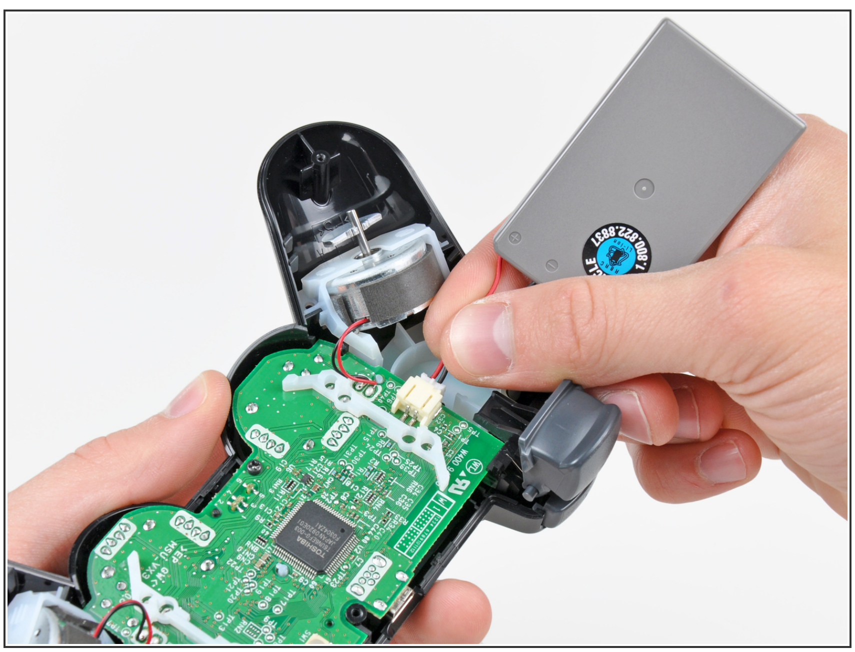
ⓘ If you happen to accidentally pop off the trigger buttons, we have a trigger button guide to reattach them.

Step 4 — Battery



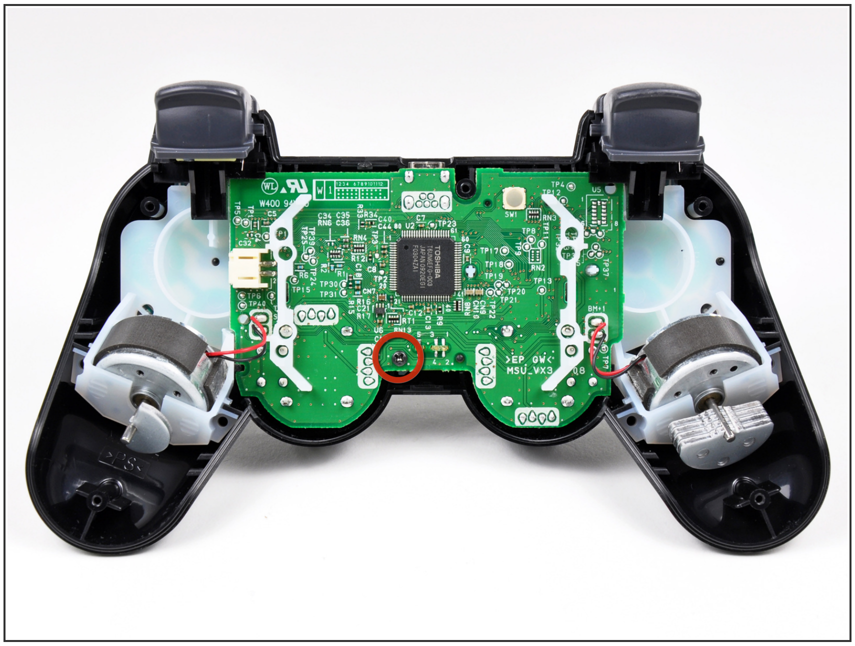
- Lift the battery off the motherboard for enough clearance to access the battery connector.

Step 5



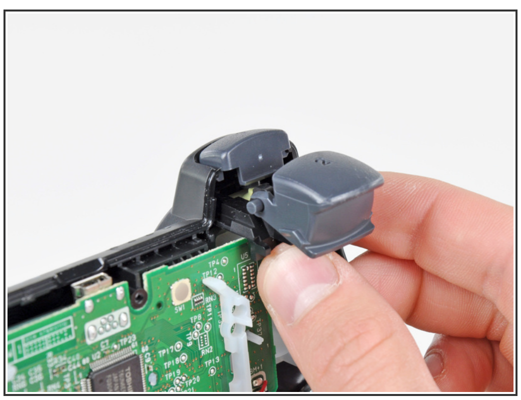
- Carefully pull the battery connector away from its socket on the motherboard.
- ⓘ It may be helpful to use a pair of tweezers or pliers to grab the battery connector when you disconnect it for the first time.

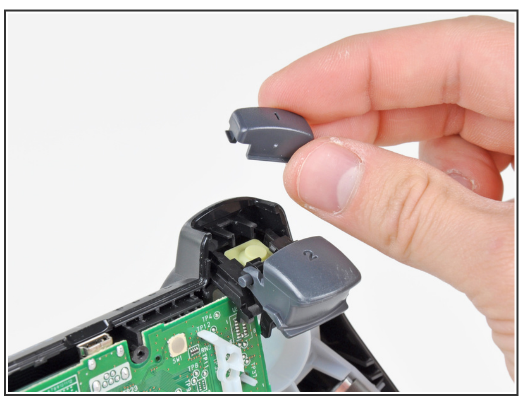
Step 6 — Motherboard Assembly

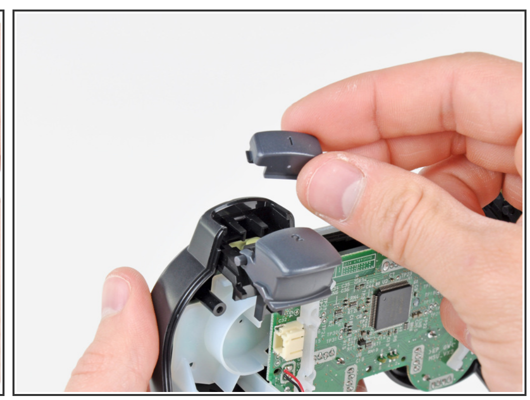


- Remove the single 7.2 mm Phillips screw securing the motherboard to the front cover.

Step 7

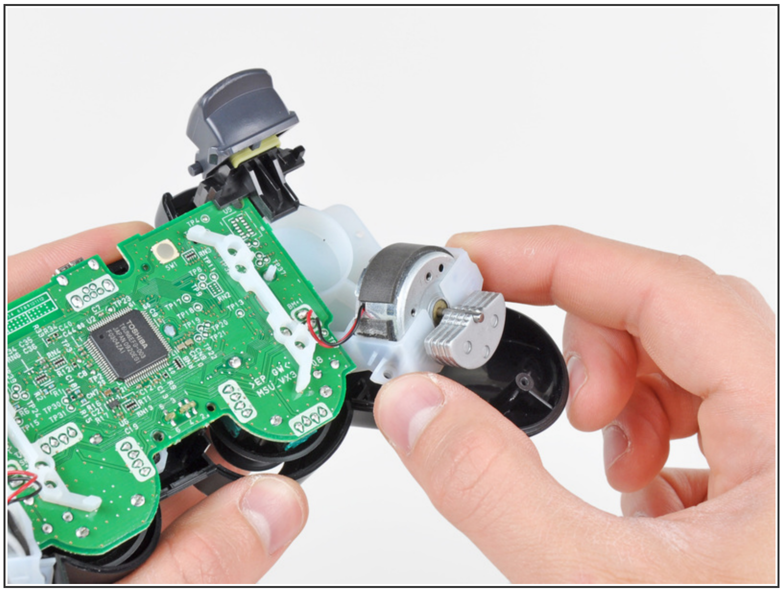


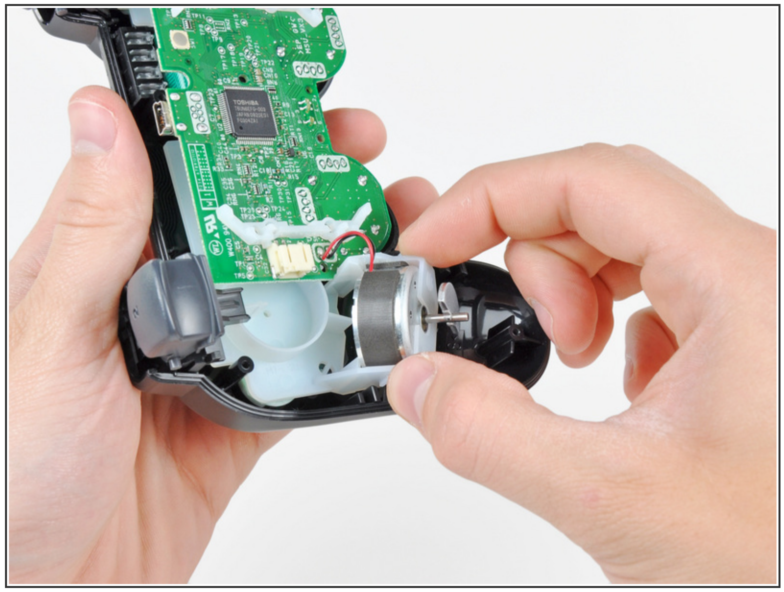




- Slide the trigger button retainers slightly away from the front cover.
- Remove the #1 button on both sides.

Step 8





- Pull the vibration motor retainers away from the front cover to dislodge the motherboard assembly.

Step 9



- Remove the motherboard assembly from the front cover.
- When removing the motherboard assembly, try not to tilt the front cover upside down as the buttons and their covers may fall out.

Step 10 — Buttons





- Lift the rubber button contacts off the front controller cover to access the plastic button covers.
- Lift any damaged plastic button covers out of the controller cover.

Step 11



ⓘ The D-pad has a three-armed plastic piece that must be installed as shown before installing the rubber button pad for it to work properly.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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